# U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT

White Rox Chemical - Removal Polrep



# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region II

Subject: POLREP #2

Update #2

White Rox Chemical

A275

Phillipsburg, NJ

Latitude: 40.6821000 Longitude: -75.1836800

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**Date:** 8/8/2011

Reporting Period: 5/17 - 6/3- 2011

#### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

Site Number: A275 Contract Number: EP-S2-10-01

D.O. Number: Action Memo Date:

Response Authority: CERCLA Response Type: Time-Critical Response Lead: EPA Incident Category: Removal Action

NPL Status: Non NPL Operable Unit:

**Mobilization Date:** 5/17/2011 **Start Date:** 5/16/2011

**Demob Date:** 8/5/2011 **Completion Date:** 

CERCLIS ID: NJC200400786 RCRIS ID:

ERNS No.: State Notification: Yes FPN#: Reimbursable Account #:

# 1.1.1 Incident Category

Removal

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

The Site is located within a mix of residential and commercial properties. Less than one block from the site is an elementary school and senior living center. The Site is approximately 5.5 acres with one 30 x 70 foot steel building and several outbuildings, 40 foot office trailer and two buildings currently being used by an auto glass repair shop and an auto body repair shop. This steel building was the main production faculty on site.

#### 1.1.2.1 Location

The site location is 660 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, Warren County, NJ 08865. There a single story steel building approximately 30" x 70" with three large storage tanks. The tanks are contained and a concrete dike. Other abandoned structures are located on the property, alone with a retail auto & home glass repair shop.

#### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Since the removal action began on May 16th, 2011, approximately 100 55-gallon drums, 3000 -5-gallon containers and 200 laboratory sized containers have been identified in the building and on the surrounding property. Most of these containers are in poor condition. In addition, the contents of most are unknown. In addition to the containers being in poor condition, the deteriorated building they are located in acts to accelerate the deterioration. There are also three tanks located outside of the building and two inside the building containing unknown material. Materials identified include caustics, acids, ignitable.

#### 1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

See Polrep #1

#### 2. Current Activities

- 2.1 Operations Section
  - 2.1.1 Narrative

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

To date; 100-55gal drums, 59-35gal, 1750-5gal, 70-2.5gal, 62-1gal & numerous smaller containers have been recovered. All containers from one gallon and above have been, "Ph"ed, stabilized and stored for bulking. Issues related to the remaining containers are that they are buried within tons of debris and over gowned brush and small trees.

#### 2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

#### 2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	Medium	Quantity	Manifest #	Treatment	Disposal
Acids	liquid				
Corrisives	liquid				

#### 2.2 Planning Section

#### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

#### .2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

### Continue with the collecting, staging and testing of containers.

# 2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

#### 2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

#### 2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

# 3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

#### 4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

#### 5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

#### 6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

#### 7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.